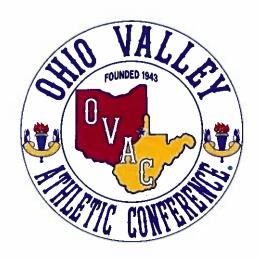
The 40th Annual



WESBANCO ARENA MAY 20, 2025

Serving the Youth of the Ohio Valley



Welcome

As we conclude another successful year of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, we hold the final event of the year – the 40th Annual Banquet of Champions. Tonight we celebrate the accomplishments of our student-athletes, coaches, and the Conference itself. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to be part of the Conference and its dedicated service to the youth of the Ohio Valley.

This evening we will acknowledge the Overall Champions in each class, as well as the Student-Athlete Achievement Awards. As always we strive to recognize the hard work of student-athletes on and off the playing field. Many student-athletes will be awarded scholarships through the Conference. You are commended for your dedication and accomplishments.

The Banquet committee, the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, and our corporate sponsors congratulate you and your outstanding success. We are hopeful that this evening will be another special memory of a successful year.

Dirk DeCoy
OVAC Executive Director

2024 - 2025 OVAC EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Central John Triveri Shadyside High School

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2025 OVAC BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS PROGRAM

Welcome (6:30pm) Barbara Sleek, Asst. Executive Director

National Anthem Lola Anderson, St. Clairsville HS

Invocation Bishop Michael Toliver

Dinner Hall of Fame Catering, Angel Porter

Master of Ceremonies DJ Daner

Introduction of Guests (7:30pm) DJ Daner

OVAC Comments:

David Cottrell President

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Sponsor Comments:

Huntington Bank Rick Courts

Chick-Fil-A Joe Evans, Joanna Gibson

Ohio Natural Energy Institute Bruce Teague

OVAC OverTime Awards Dirk DeCoy

Scholarship Presentations DJ Daner

Student-Athlete Achievement Award Winners:

1A Conotton Valley High School
2A Shadyside High School
3A Catholic Central High School
4A St. Clairsville High School
5A Wheeling Park High School

OVAC Bill VanHorne Coach-of-the-Year Finalists:

Mike Cottis

Mason Lang

Boys Basketball Monroe Central High School

Ken Maisel

Holly Pettit

Baseball

Indian Creek High School

Boys Basketball Monroe Central High School

University High School

Girls Basketball Cameron High School

Mel Stephens Boys Basketball Central Catholic High School

Overall Class Champion Winners:

1A Conotton Valley High School
2A Shadyside High School
3A Barnesville High School
4A St. Clairsville High School
5A Morgantown High School

2024 - 2025 OVAC HIGHLIGHTS

- CONTINUED \$1 STUDENT TICKETS FOR ALL OVAC CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.
 - FORTY-TWO VARSITY BOARD STUDENTS TOUR PRO-FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME IN CANTON, OHIO.
 - CHAMPION AND RUNNER-UP MEDALS AWARDED TO ALL INDIVIDUALS FOR ALL SPORTS.
- HELMET STICKERS FOR FOOTBALL, SOFTBALL, AND BASEBALL TEAMS.
 - HEARTLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL JOINS THE OVAC.
 - 8 NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED.
- TWO FUTURE STATE CHAMPION BASKETBALL TEAMS FACE-OFF IN OVAC CLASS 3A BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.
 - WRESTLED THE CENTRAL DISTRICT WRESTLING COACHES
 ASSOCIATION ALL-STAR TEAM IN COLUMBUS, OHIO.
 - BEAT PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STAR MAC WRESTLERS 31-25.
 - SEVENTY-TWO SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED WORTH NEARLY \$60,000.
 - INAUGURAL WHEELED ATHLETE COMPETED IN OVAC TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS.
- THIRTY-TWO SCHOOLS COMPETING IN CHEER CHAMPIONSHIPS.
- THE ENTIRE EAST OHIO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (EOAC) JOINS
 THE OVAC: COLUMBIANA, EAST PALESTINE, LISBON DAVID ANDERSON, LEETONIA, UNITED, AND VALLEY CHRISTIAN HIGH
 SCHOOLS.
- JOHN VROTSOS JOINS FATHER CORKY VROTSOS TO BECOME FIRST FATHER - SON DUO TO BE VOTED MR. MAT.

OVAC SCHOLARSHIPS

TEALL PROPERTIES GROUP SCHOLARSHIP (2007)

Made possible due to the generosity of James Companion, Executive Vice President of TPG, who supports the Conference's marketing program. Value: \$500

Reese Hobbs, River High School

CHICK-FIL-A SCHOLARSHIP (2025)

Funded by Chick-Fil-A of the Ohio Valley, owners Joseph Evans and Joanna Gibson, supporters of OVAC student-athletes. Value: \$5,000 each

Andrew Rohde, Catholic Central High School

Chice Orecchio, Madonna High School

OVAC STEM TRIVIA CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP (2025)

Funded by Ohio Natural Energy Institute (One-I) supporter of OVAC student-athletes. Value: \$1,500

Jacob Thacker, Martins Ferry High School

WESBANCO SCHOLARSHIP (1988)

One of the Conference's longest running scholarships, made possible through the support of community-minded WesBanco. Value: \$1,000

Laine Spindler, Fort Frye High School

MIKE ROSE MEMORIAL ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP (2021)

Given in memory of Coach Mike Rose by his classmates of St. John Central High School class of '82. Recipients must play in three sports all four years, Value: \$500 each

Ava Hanson, Central Catholic High School Alexander Reese, Martins Ferry High School

CLARE KAPRAL MEMORIAL TRACK & FIELD SCHOLARSHIP (2006)

Given in memory of Clare Kapral, St. John Central alumnus (*78), by her brothers, John and Robert. Value: \$500

Audrey Ferguson, John Marshall High School

BORDAS & BORDAS FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2012)

Made possible through the generosity of the Bordas & Bordas Law Firm and the Bordas family. Value: \$1,000

Zachary Kuntz, Edison Local High School

JEAN FOX HUFF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (2016)

Given in memory of Jean Fox Huff by veteran sports jounalist Doug Huff, and his two children. Recipient must letter in three sports their senior year. Value: \$500

Angelina Robrecht, Central Catholic High School

JIM KOVALO MEMORIAL SHOT PUT SCHOLARSHIP (2023)

Awarded to one male and one female athlete who competed in shot put, made possible by the Kovalo family. Value: \$250 each

Alayna Logan, Union Local High School

Ethan Crock, Caldwell High School

OVAC CROSS-COUNTRY SCHOLARSHIP (2023)

Awarded to one male and one female athlete, made possible through the generosity of the OVAC Executive Board. Value: \$500 each

Naomi Young, Weir High School

Rocco D'Aquila, The Linsly School

DANIEL M. BURKE MEMORIAL WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP (1983)

Given in memory of Danny Burke, a wrestler at Wheeling Park High School, through the efforts of family and friends. Value: \$1,500 each

Slaton Pettit, Cameron High School

GEORGE KOVALICK MEMORIAL WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP (1980)

Given in memory of Coach K, the father of Ohio Valley wrestling, this scholarship is made possible through the wrestling coaches' association. Value: \$1,000

Jameson Maynard, Wheeling Park High School

LUCAS D. SEDGMER MEMORIAL WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP (2005)

Given in memory of Luke Sedgmer, a two-time wrestling champion from Cadiz who lost his life in an auto accident, by his family. Value: \$1,000

Lack Lowe, Wheeling Park High School

DAVE BIERKORTTE WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP (1980)

Given in memory of Dave Bierkortte, a Wheeling Central wrestler who lost his life in a tragic accident in high school, by friends and alumni of Wheeling Central.

Value: \$500

Gage Wright, Parkersburg South High School

BILL MARLING MEMORIAL WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP (2024)

Given in memory of Bill Marling. Value: \$500

Makiya Powell, Parkersburg South High School

RON MAUCK MEMORIAL WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP (2023)

Given in memory of Ron Mauck, namesake of the OVAC's Wrestling Tournament, made possible by the Wrestling Coaches Association and the Mauck family. Value: \$2,000 Brock Kehler, University High School

R.C. ANDERSON MEMORIAL WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP (2025)

Given in memory of R. C. Anderson who was a Cameron wrestler and outstanding community leader. Value: \$1,000

Brody Saccoccia, Steubenville High School

STEPHEN E. HANNIG MEMORIAL SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP (2003)

Given in memory of Steve Hannig, longtime veteran soccer official and WesBanco bank officer, through the support of WesBanco. Value: \$1,000

Kensington McConnachie, Oak Glen High School

PERRY WEST BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP (1987)

Through the efforts of Perry West, veteran baseball coach, this scholarship is funded by the sale of souvenir programs and the baseball showcase. Value: \$500 each

Carter Wheeldin, Caldwell High School

Brock Shuba, University High School

OVAC CHEERING SCHOLARSHIP (1993)

These two scholarships are given each year to students from schools who participated in the annual OVAC Cheerleading Championship. Made possible through the generosity of the OVAC Executive Board. Value: \$1,500 and \$500

Kensington Hiles, Monroe Central High School

Jamie Smith, River High School

AMANDA ROSEPAPA MEMORIAL SOFTBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2011)

Given by the Rosepapa family in memory of Amanda Rosepapa, St. John High School, Class of 2007. Value: \$500

Paige Matteson, Steubenville High School

OVAC SWIMMING SCHOLARSHIP (2023)

Awarded to one male and one female athlete, made possible through the generosity of the OVAC Executive Board. Value: \$500 each Ryulee Ondrejko, Central Catholic High School Silas Rettos, Beaver Local High School

BOB BATTISTA MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2022)

Given by the Battista family in memory of Bob Battista, long time coach and educator at Sherrard Middle School and OVAC All-Star Basketball Game staff member. Value: \$250

Eliana Mason. Bellaire High School

BETTE PONZO MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2010)

Given by Melanie Ponzo Haswell and family in memory of her mother, who worked as scorekeeper for the all-star basketball game. Value: \$250 each WV, Rayna Hoover, Weir High School OH, Lindse Sidon, Martins Ferry High School

RAY PONZO MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2010)

Given by Melanie Ponzo Haswell and family in memory of her father, who worked as scorekeeper for the all-star basketball game. Value: \$250 each WV. Tyler Dean, Central Catholic High School OH, Alex Reese, Martins Ferry High School

PAM AMMIRANTE MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2018)

Given in memory of Pam Ammirante by her husband, Gene, and children. Value: \$250 Hayden Cook, The Linsly School

SUSAN KAY STANKO MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2013)

Given in memory of Sue Stanko, a long time elementary teacher, by her husband, John, and children. Value: \$250 Tyson Pastor, St. Clairsville High School

RICHARD SAFFIELD MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2017)

Given in memory of Rich Saffield, basketball coach at Union Local and longtime member of the all-star basketball game committee, by his wife, Carol. Value: \$250 Cohen Pease, East Liverpool High School

HENRY LAZASZ MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (1992)

Given in memory of the Buckeye South High School basketball coach who was one of the four founders of the all-star basketball game. Value: \$500 each WV, Kaitlyn Blake, Central Catholic High School OH, Lindsay Best, Martins Ferry High School

RICHARD POTTS MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (1992)

Given in memory of the River High School basketball coach who was one of the four founders of the all-star basketball game. Value: \$500 each WV, DeMarcus Bandy, Morgantown High School OH, Brady Schafer, St. Clairsville High School

SAMUEL A. MUMLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (1994)

Given in memory of Samuel A. Mumley, Executive Secretary of the OVAC for thirty-two years: Value: \$500

Valerie Boltz, Shadyside High School

DOUGLAS S. PILNEY MEMORIAL GOLF SCHOLARSHIP (1994)

Given in memory of Douglas S. Pilney, Buckeye South pro golfer, through a bequest by his parents. Value: \$2,500 each Madeline Potts, Central Catholic High School

OVAC TENNIS SCHOLARSHIP (2023)

Awarded to one male and one female athlete, made possible through the generosity of the OVAC Executive Board. Value: \$500 each Reese Moores, Wheeling Park High School Maxwell Wood, Weir High School

OVAC PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP (2014)

The highest scholarship given by the OVAC, this award goes to a student-athlete possessing strong leadership skills in his school and community. Value: \$3,000 Victoria Finley, John Marshall High School

OVAC SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP (2023)

Awarded to one male and one female athlete, made possible through the generosity of the OVAC Executive Board. Value: \$500 each Maitlyn Miller, John Marshall High School Dominic Gianangeli, Central Catholic High School

OHIO UNIVERSITY - EASTERN SCHOLARSHIP (2023)

Awarded to one student-athlete who competed in either basketball, e-Sports, or volleyball, made possible by Ohio University - Eastern campus. Value: \$1,000 Ashlyn Rose, Bellaire High School

OVAC BOWLING SCHOLARSHIP (2023)

Awarded to one male and one female athlete, made possible through the generosity of the OVAC Executive Board. Value: \$500 each Emily Lyden, Beaver Local High School Odell Morgan, Central Catholic High School

ISSAC DEGENOVA SCHOLARSHIP (2024)

Given in memory of family friend by the Jim Kovalo family. Value: \$250 Ava Johnson, Warren Local High School

OVAC COMMISSIONERS' SCHOLARSHIP (2017)

Made possible through the support of the OVAC Commissioners' Board. Value: \$2,000 Camryn Huck, Fort Frye High School

PEGI BANNAN VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS' SCHOLARSHIP (2014)

Made possible through the donations from members of the West Virginia-Ohio Volleyball Officials' Board, in honor of the longtime valley official. Value: \$500 Lindsey Best, Martins Ferry High School

TODD PEYTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (2013)

In memory of Todd Peyton, long-time clothing supplier for the OVAC, this award goes to a student who best displays the spirit and attitude exemplified by Todd. Value: \$1,000 Pepper Martin, University High School

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS WITH DJ DANER SCHOLARSHIPS (2025)

FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR WINNERS. Value: \$500 each

WV: Kieran Moses, Wheeling Park High School OH: Brooks Bower, Conotton Valley High School

CHEERLEADER WINNERS. Value: \$250 each WV: Jessica Lehrke, The Linsly School OH: Angelina Lopez, Wellsville High School

BAND MEMBER WINNERS. Value: \$250 each WV: Avah Young, Wheeling Park High School OH: Lainey Benedict, St. Clairsville High School

#1 FAN WINNER. Value: \$150
Julianna McElroy, Monroe Central High School

#1 MASCOT WINNER. Value: \$150 Luke Stack, St. Clairsville High School



OVAC BY THE NUMBERS

- **1,201,214 POPULATION**
- 57,550 DOLLARS OF SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AWARDED THIS YEAR
- 17,866 SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS
- 5,615 SQUARE MILE FOOTPRINT
- 1,409 PARTICIPANTS IN VARSITY TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 878 PARTICIPANTS IN JR HI TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP
- **776 HEAD COACHES**
- **466 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**
- **368 PARTICIPANTS IN WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**
- **128 MEMBER ALL-STAR BAND**
- **81 YEARS YOUNG**
- **80 CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES AWARDED**
- **78 YEARS OF ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAMES**
- **72 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**
- **58 MEMBER SCHOOLS**
- 48 HIGH SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP
- 41 JR HI SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP
- 21 COUNTIES
- 14 SPORTS
- 11 ALL-STAR GAMES
- 13 CITIES HOSTING OVAC CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 5 CLASSES: 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A
- **3 JUNIOR HIGH CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- 2 STATES
- 1 OVAC

OVAC CHAMPIONS 2024 - 2025

BOYS' GOLF:

1A-2A Conotton Valley Josh Carlisle
 3A Central Catholic Jim Mortakis
 4A St. Clairsville Ryan Clifford
 5A Morgantown Christian Root

GIRLS' GOLF:

1A-5A Morgantown Christian Root

BOYS' SOCCER:

1A-3A	Central Catholic	Brian Komorowski
4A	Beaver Local	Joseph Zirillo
5A	Wheeling Park	Mario Julian

GIRLS' SOCCER:

1A-3A	Central Catholic	Ashley Winters
4A	Weir	Jeremy Angelo
5A	Parkersburg So.	Ron Bucholtz

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY:

1A-2A	Magnolia	Mike Harwick
3A	Shenandoah	Chris Estadt
4A	East Liverpool	Brian Grant
5A	University	Ed Fronhapfel

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY:

1A-2A	Shadyside	Mike Coyne
3A	Fort Frye	Jason Lipot
4A	Edison	Dawn Cable
5A	University	Ed Frohnapfel

VOLLEYBALL:

1A	Conotton Valley	Denell Gordon
2A	Caldwell	Cloe Siddle
3A	Union Local	Kaye Sechrest
4A	Oak Glen	Morgan Saddler
5A	Marietta	Ron Kidder

FOOTBALL:

1A	Cameron	Tim Brown
2A	Toronto	Jaret Aubiel
3A	Barnesville	Blake Allen
4A	St. Clairsville	Brett McLean
5A	Steubenville	Reno Saccoccia

BOYS' SWIMMING:

1A-3A	Linsly	Bill Brubaker
4A	Beaver Local	Maria Parfitt
5A	Wheeling Park	Mike Cook

GIRLS' SWIMMING:

1A-3A	Linsly	Bill Brubaker
4A	St. Clairsville	Ernie Banks
5A	John Marshall	Timmi Snyder

CHEERING:

1A	Cameron	Bethany Scott
2A	Shadyside	Michele Burkhart
3A	Barn. / UL A.I	McClelland / A.Latham
4A	St. Clairsville	Kara Kapiskosky
5A	Wheeling Park	Shawna Shepherd

CHEERING - NON TUMBLING:

1A-3A Bridgeport Kaylynn Yates 4A-5A Edison Casey Mozingo

DUAL MEET WRESTLING:

1A-2A	Cameron	Chad Burge
3A	Barnesville	Jayson Stephen
4A	Oak Glen	Joshua Cornell
5A	Steubenville	Lucas Huffman

GIRLS' BASKETBALL:

1A	Cameron	Holly Pettit
2A	River	Rick Isaly
3A	Central Catholic	Roberta Olejasz
4A	Indian Creek	Steve Eft
5A	Morgantown	John Fowkes

BOYS' BASKETBALL:

1A	Heartland Christ.	Josh Scott
2A	Catholic Central	Don Ogden
3A	Central Catholic	Mel Stephens
4A	Cambridge	Logan McCort
5A	Morgantown	Dave Tallman

BOYS' BOWLING:

1A-3A	Barnesville	Chad Hall
4A-5A	University	Donnie Gilbert

GIRLS' BOWLING:

1A-3A	Conotton Valley	Brian Baxter
4A-5A	Parkersburg So.	Chris Giffin

BOYS' TENNIS:

1A-4A Linsly Rebecca Upton 5A Morgantown Sabrina Hall

GIRLS' TENNIS:

1A-4A Oak Glen Ken Keller 5A Morgantown Ted Greenlee

SOFTBALL:

1A	Conotton Valley	Jeremy Bleininger
2A	Caldwell	Scott Davis
3A	Martins Ferry	Jerry Magistro
4A	Oak Glen	Sherrie Garner
5A	Morgantown	Lori Lipscomb

BASEBALL:

1A	Madonna	T.J. Miller
2A	Toronto	Brian Perkins
3A	Central Catholic	Todd Cover
4A	St. Clairsville	Tom Sliva
5A	Morgantown	Pat Sherald

BOYS' TRACK:

1A-2A	Magnolia	Kasey Sapp
3A	Barnesville	Mike Snell
4A	St. C / E.L.	D. Wilson / A. Miller
5A	Warren	Tony Zaleski

GIRLS' TRACK:

Shadyside	Ashely Visnic
Shenandoah	Anthony Starr
St. Clairsville	Darin Wilson
Morgantown	Steven Blinco
	Shenandoah St. Clairsville



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